

# JACKSON BLUE NEWS

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## President Clinton's Military Family Week Greeting

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

MILITARY FAMILY WEEK, 1999

Warm greetings to everyone celebrating Military Family Week, 1999, sponsored by the Armed Services YMCA of the USA.

Our military families are the heart of our nation's Armed Forces. They provide the love, encouragement, and support that our service men and women need to sustain them in all their endeavors. Time and again, military duty has called our young uniformed men and women to trouble spots around the world. And time and again, answering that call to duty has meant that families would be separated – for months and sometimes years at a time.

Hillary and I have seen firsthand the sacrifices made by our service men and women and their families, and we remember with pride the many military families we have been privileged to meet over the years. Our thoughts are with all of you who must be apart during this holiday season, and we rejoice with those of you who have been reunited after lengthy separations. As we celebrate Thanksgiving this year, we join all Americans in expressing our deep gratitude for the selfless service of our men and women in uniform and their families.

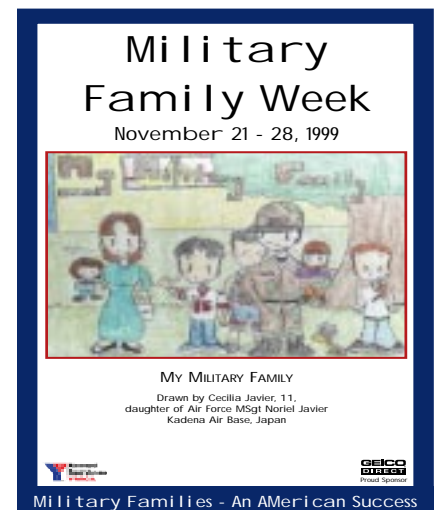
Best wishes to all for a wonderful week.



## Military Family Appreciation Night

Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>  
3:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Jackson Park FSC

Free hot dogs and other refreshments; clowns, balloons and activities for the kids. For more information, call 476-5113 or 396-4115



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# Ombudsmen's Outlook

*The month of November generally brings to mind the things people are most thankful for. This year we wanted to express our thanks to everyone for being part of the Jackson Family, for your kind words and for being there for us.*

*We have come to realize that people usually wait for an anniversary, birthday, or other holiday to express their gratitude. We don't have to wait for special celebrations to thank our friends and loved ones. If we can pass on anything we have learned this patrol it would be give to thanks all the time. While your feeling of appreciation is alive and sincere, act on it. Saying thanks is such an easy way to add to the world's happiness.*

*Thankfulness sets in motion a chain reaction that transforms people. Not one of us will misunderstand the sound of a grateful heart. Its' message is universal, it removes all barriers, and it opens communication lanes.*

*In 1621, as the pilgrims were spending their second winter in the Plymouth Colony they were faced with starvation. Thanks to the Indians they learned to grow corn. The pilgrims decided to thank the Indians by inviting them over for a three-day feast. The Indians and pilgrims could not communicate very well but they shared food and beverage. This sharing became the language of the Thanksgiving Feast.*

*This Thanksgiving perhaps members of our Jackson Family can get together and share the holiday. If you would like to invite a wife or family to your holiday celebration or you would like a place to spend Thanksgiving, please call either of us and we will help connect you with someone to share the holiday.*

*We all have so much to be thankful for. Let's come together, share our food, and be thankful together.*

*Thankfully Yours,  
Camille & Nita*

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## Upcoming Events At A Glance

### November 15<sup>th</sup>

Payday Dinner

6:30 pm

King's Wok - Silverdale

### November 26<sup>th</sup>

Cookie Drive

2:00 pm

Retsil Veteran Home -  
Port Orchard

### November 28<sup>th</sup>

Children's Christmas Party

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

YMCA - Bangor  
West Family Housing

### December 4<sup>th</sup>

Make It, Bake It, Grow It Party

7:00 pm

Sue Peterson's Home  
RSVP 779-3172

### December 7<sup>h</sup>

Support Group Meeting

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Bangor Chapel Fellowship Hall  
Children Welcome

# THE CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHTS

*"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experiences of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired and success achieved."* Helen Keller

Elizabeth will celebrate her 17th birthday next month. She is hoping to graduate from her current high school, as this is the tenth school she has attended in her lifetime. This wonderful person is the younger of two children and a member of a Navy family. That means that she has lived in five states on the East and Northwest coasts of the United States and even spent 4 years living in Japan. Elizabeth's father has only lived with her for 13 of her 16 years because of military deployments and schooling associated with his profession. By certain military standards that record isn't so bad.

Amanda is Elizabeth's older sister. She is a student in a midwestern college and a cooperative education student for a major corporation not too far from her college town. Her story is similar to Elizabeth's.

When asked by friends and family about this bizarre traveling lifestyle we call military life, both young women respond positively. In fact, Amanda is amazed at the small town view of the world held by so many of her college friends and work acquaintances. Certainly everyone has climbed Mt. Fuji or shopped for school clothes in Seoul, Korea. Doesn't everyone eat sushi and soba soup? Overseas travel? No big deal agree both girls. However, making new friends and leaving old ones behind every few years can be a bit of a challenge.

Someone named anonymous once said, "that which does not kill us only makes us stronger." Elizabeth is enjoying her hardest academic year to

date. She is taking three (AP) advanced placement courses in chemistry, physics and European history, in addition to (FST) function, statistics and trigonometry. After school she takes music lessons and studies a foreign language for fun. She is a leader in her church youth group and loves old musicals on television. Elizabeth does 6 hours of homework every day and quite a bit on the weekends. I am exhausted just telling you about it. She baby-sits on request for neighbor children and loves life. Physics is making Elizabeth work harder than she has ever worked before. Normally an all "A" student she is struggling and sweating a "C" or better in Physics.

Everything she has understood about herself and school academically is in question as Elizabeth works to figure vectors, motion, trig, and the Protestant reformation. Yet, while her parents and you might wonder what toll this will take on this beautiful and charming young person, she smiles, laughs, and enjoys life every day.

How does Elizabeth handle the pressure of these classes, starting over so often in new Cities and schools? What gives Elizabeth the strength to make new friends over and over? How has her vision been clarified and her ambition been fed? Elizabeth says that she knows that she is loved by her family. She has watched her parents struggle through difficult moves and work environments and has learned from their example. Elizabeth has been taught the value of good and honest friendships with people whom she admires and the strength that comes from seeking help when it is warranted.

Elizabeth has an older sister that she respects and values and knows that she can share her hurts and joys with at any time. Family, friends, and support systems are in place to help

Elizabeth as she sees fit to ask. This young adult has discovered the independence that gives her the freedom and security to search out the answers she needs in successfully charting her course through life, positively and joyfully.

The opening quote from Helen Keller spoke about character development and its relationship to success, ambition and vision. Certainly, she understood the concepts of trial and suffering as she made her way through life, both blind and deaf. Helen Keller was an author, philosopher, and teacher. Elizabeth is just another example of one individual identifying her character through trial and suffering and emerging successful, ambitious and clear in her purpose. Life is a series of trials and experiences that we can use to forge our spirits, cultivate our ambitions, and drive our successes. Or life can be a series of trials and experiences that cause us to live in fear and trepidation. What makes the difference? Relationships! Searching out and cultivating relationships with family, friends, and neighbors. Seeing ourselves as part of something bigger and making ourselves open to helping others as a way of strengthening ourselves. Alone it is one against the world. Together, we are the world. Reach out to someone today and share their trials and experiences. Let them return the favor and together you will be successful in developing characters in which you both can take pride.

May God Bless you always,  
Peace

Chaplain Worman

## *Support Activity Memories*



## *It's A Payday Dinner*

You are all invited to join together to have a casual, relaxing dinner with our Jackson Families. Children welcome.

**When:** Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 pm

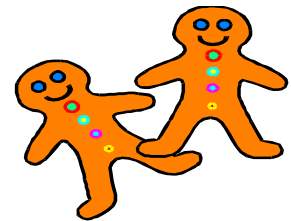
**Where:** King's Wok  
9960 Silverdale Way

**What:** Great Food  
Great Company  
Great Conversation

## Retsil Veteran Home Cookie Drive

In the spirit of Thanksgiving we would like to welcome everyone to a Cookie Drive for the Retsil Veteran Home in Port Orchard. We will be passing out cookies with a smile to all the residents on November 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Please call Maudene' or Kenneth Hogue at 830-2577 if you would like to participate, donate cookies or have any additional questions.



## Donations For Local Food Banks

Please bring a non-perishable food item to every Supprt Group event in November and December. Contributions will be delivered to a local food bank prior to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Your support and generosity will be deeply appreciated by those in need.

## *CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY*

*Craft Tables Games Gifts for All the Kids*

*Sunday, November 28th  
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
YMCA Community Center  
West Family Housing, Bangor*

*Bring a Pair of Mittens, Hat or Scarf  
to Decorate the Mitten Tree  
(Items to be donated to Children's  
Home Society)*

*RSVP to Mary Ellen Rupert  
769-8516 with Ages and Gender of  
Children Attending*

*Please Bring a Dozen Cookies to  
Share*



## ***What's All The Talk About First Kiss and Romantic Get-A-Ways ????***

Come to any Support Group event or call Mary Ellen Rupert at 779-8516 for details.

### ***MAKE IT, BAKE IT, GROW IT PARTY***

Ladies, it's time for the semi-annual Make It, Bake It, Grow It Party (*Just Like Last Patrol*)

**When:** Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

**Where:** Sue Peterson's  
19879 Hamilton Ct NE  
Poulsbo, Washington

**What:** Secret Pals Will Be Revealed  
Great conversation and wonderful  
chocolate desserts

**Please Bring:** Something You Made, Baked  
or Grew *and*  
Your favorite Chocolate Des-  
sert to Share

**RSVP:** Please call Sue at 779-3172 to  
RSVP and for directions

Ladies Only Please

## **Announcements**

### **Officers Needed**

The Wives Support Group is losing several officers at the end of this patrol. If you are interested in filling any of these positions, please contact Sue Peterson at 779-3172 or Sharon Senner at 598-1656.

Chairperson  
Treasurer  
Assistant Treasurer  
Sunshine Line Coordinator  
Fund Raising Chairperson  
Secretary

### **Homecoming**

We are making a lei to place on the boat for homecoming. If you are interesting in helping, please call Mary Ellen Rupert at 769-8516.

### **Thanks**

A big thank you to everyone who helped make *Ladies Night Out* a success.

Sharon Senner, Christine Parker, Georgia Walker and Deb Fleming, the mastermind behind the "pig", created the wonderful decorations.

Thank you, Meg Ims and Mary Ellen Rupert, for the loan of your torches, fish nets, colorful cloths and other Hawaiian decorations. Special thanks to the ladies who arranged the roses, Deb Fleming, Christine Parker and Thomasina Richter!!

# Kids' Corner

## Support Group Contacts

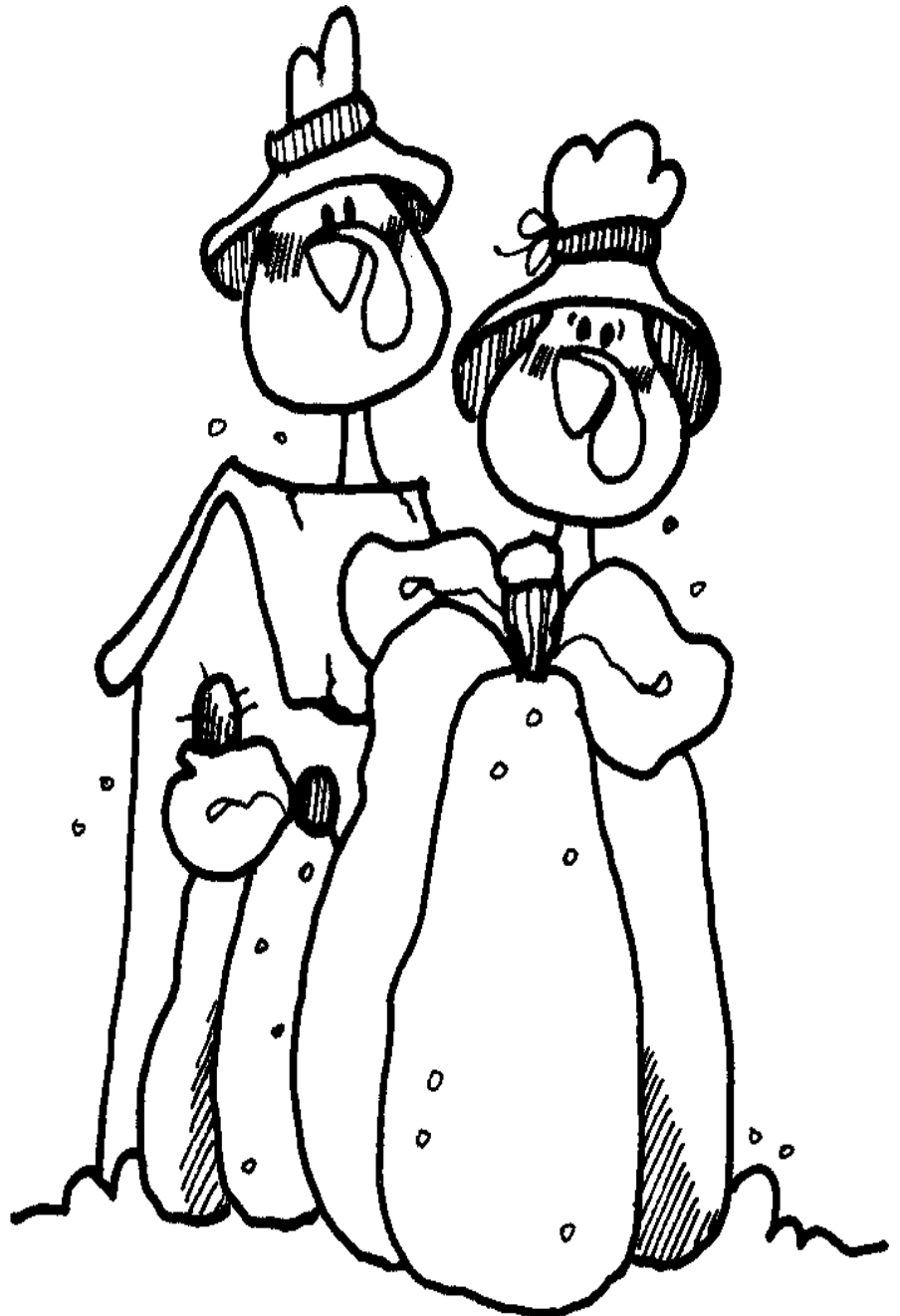
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Sunshine Line Coordinator  
Fund Raising Chairperson  
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Shawna Frey, Treasurer  
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Color Me



## Sunshine Line

Call Mary Ellen at 769-8516; she would love to talk to you! Please be sure and call if you or someone you know is going through a difficult time, having a bad day, or was just visited by the stork.

Mary Ellen is a great listener and she can help by sending cards or flowers or by helping to arrange childcare in an emergency.

We are in this together and we need to support each other through the good and the bad times.